

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel pending claims 1-23 and replace them with new claims 24-32, as shown in the Listing of Claims below. This Listing of Claims is a complete listing of all claims ever presented and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the instant application.

**Listing of Claims**

**Claims 1-23 (Canceled)**

Claim 24 (New): An aqueous fabric treatment composition comprising microcapsules having an inner core comprised of a soil repellent and an outer membrane consisting essentially of chitosan, wherein the soil repellent is selected from ethylene terephthalate, polyethylene glycol terephthalate groups or a combination thereof, the molar ratio of ethylene terephthalate to polyethylene glycol terephthalate being in the range from 65:35 to 90:10.

Claim 25 (New): The aqueous fabric treatment composition according to claim 24, wherein the mole ratio of ethylene terephthalate to polyethyleneglycol terephthalate is from 70:30 to 80:20.

Claim 26 (New): The aqueous fabric treatment composition according to claim 24, wherein the molecular weight of the linking polyethylene glycol units is in the range from 750 to 5,000

Claim 27 (New): The aqueous fabric treatment composition according to claim 24, wherein the molecular weight of the linking polyethylene glycol units is in the range from 1,000 to 3,000.

Claim 28 (New): The aqueous fabric treatment composition according to claim 24, wherein the soil repellent is present in an amount of from about 0.1 to about 10% by weight of the composition.

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Claim 29 (New): An aqueous fabric treatment composition according to claim 24, wherein the chitosan has an average molecular weight of 10,000 to 500,000 dalton.

Claim 30 (New): An aqueous fabric treatment composition according to claim 24, wherein the chitosan has an average molecular weight of 800,000 to 1,200,000 dalton and a Brookfield viscosity (1% by weight in glycolic acid) below 5,000 mPas.

Claim 31 (New): An aqueous fabric treatment composition according to claim 24, wherein the chitosan is in the form of a glycolate salt.

Claim 32 (New): The aqueous fabric treatment composition according to claim 24, wherein the mean diameter of the microcapsules is from about 0.001 to about 0.5 mm.